

Appln. Serial No. 10/633,989
Amendment Dated September 24, 2007
Reply to Office Action Mailed July 30, 2007

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated July 30, 2007, claims 1-3, 6, 14, 15, and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 6,249,316 (Anderson '316) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,943,050 (Bullock); and claim 7 was rejected under § 103 over Anderson '316 in view of Bullock and U.S. Patent No. 5,578,813 (Allen); claims 8, 9, 13, and 25 were rejected under § 103 over Allen in view of Anderson '316 and Bullock; and claim 23 was rejected under § 103 over Anderson '316 in view of Bullock and U.S. Patent No. 6,097,431 (Anderson '431).

Applicant acknowledges the indication that claims 16-19 have been allowed, and that claims 24 and 26 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 24 and 26 have been amended from dependent form to independent form, with the scope of the claims remaining *unchanged*, to place the claims in condition for allowance. Allowed claims 17-19 have been amended to improve their form.

Claims 1-3, 8, 13-15, 22, 23, and 25 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

On pages 9 and 10 of the Office Action, the Examiner provided reasons for allowance of the claims. Note that the paraphrasing of claims 16-19 on page 9 of the Office Action is *inexact*. Applicant respectfully notes that a construction of the claims should be based on the express language of the claims, not on the paraphrasing provided in the Office Action.

Similarly, the paraphrasing of claims 24 and 26 on page 10 of the Office Action is also *inexact*. Applicant notes that the construction of claims 24 and 26 should be based on the express language of the claims, and not based on the paraphrasing made in the Office Action.

In view of the foregoing, all claims are in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

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Allowance of all claims is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025 (10980475-6).

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